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**Advisory Action
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

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THE REPLY FILED 15 April 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.
NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____
Claim(s) objected to: _____
Claim(s) rejected: _____
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
13. ☐ Other: _____

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Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant argues, "Balnaves does not teach positioning a pointer between a range start point and a range end point." The Office action asserts "by positioning a pointer in the entire dark area," however, Balnaves makes clear there is no dark area until the pointer is positioned. Therefore Balnaves does not teach positioning a pointer in the entire dark area.

There are three ranges in Balnaves that can be looked at when reading this claim limitation. The first range is Fig 2: 261, 262, 263 or the content portions. The second content range would be the whole clip itself. The third content range would be the dark area in Fig 6A. In order to mark the area a dark a range must first selected. Furthermore there is not order or sequence in the claims regarding how or when the range is selected. The claims merely recite selecting a range by positioning a pointer between a range start point and a range end point. Therefore, the examiner respectfully disagrees with the applicant

Furthermore, the zones of interests described in Balnaves are equivalent to ranges because a zone necessarily has a beginning and end for it to be a zone. Otherwise it would just select the whole clip and would not be a zone.

Furthermore, in regards to the argument that Balnaves does not teach claimed features but generally teaches some type of functions. The features described in the claim are functions and Balnaves discloses them. Specifically, The templates described by Balnaves are merely functions that can be performed on the data. Furthermore, the user may indicate a point or approval or disapproval, and this point information may be inferred to indicated an entire segment of the output production, said segment typically being extrapolated from said point by means of finding the nearest forward and backward content boundaries (transitions) or effects, or by applying a heuristically determined timestep forward and backward from 625 (Balnaves, col 12, ln 30-40). Therefore, the examiner respectfully disagrees with the applicant.

In regards to applicant's argument to claim 6. Balnaves discloses the user may indicate a point or approval or disapproval, and this point information may be inferred to indicated an entire segment of the output production, said segment typically being extrapolated from said point by means of finding the nearest forward and backward content boundaries (transitions) or effects, or by applying a heuristically determined timestep forward and backward from 625 (Balnaves, col 13, ln 30-40). Therefore, the examiner respectfully disagrees with the applicant.